

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING APRIL 20, 2004

The Hall County Board of Equalization met April 20, 2004, by published call and from regular session.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Dick Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. .

10:50 a.m. Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into a board of equalization meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

**TAX CORRECTION NOTICES** – County Assessor Jan Pelland presented tax correction notices #3163 to #3164 requesting the Chairman to initial.

Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to authorize the Chairman to initial tax correction notices #3163 to #3164. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

**COUNTY ASSESSOR JAN PELLAND DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION APPOINTING REFEREES FOR THE 2004 TAX ASSESSMENT YEAR** – County Assessor Jan Pelland presented the agreement and the resolution with Great Plains for the services for the 2004 tax assessment year. The list of referees was updated but the agreement is basically the same as prior years.

Jeffries questioned the hourly cost of \$90.00 an hour and the total cost of \$33,500.00. Pelland stated that the total cost depends on the number of hours that they work and on the number of protests that are filed. He expressed concern that the same people are used year after year and if they should check with other firms concerning the costs. He stated that it seems that the board has a lot of people that come to them from the meetings with the referees.

Lancaster stated that appreciated his remarks because this was looked at a couple of years ago and other counties use local appraisers to do this work. She reminded the board of the meeting with Property Tax Administrator Kathy Lange and she offered to allow them to attend a workshop for training. Lancaster suggested appointing a committee to talk to Great Plains before the protest process starts.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #04-0021 Appointing the Referees for the 2004 Tax Assessment year. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Eriksen stated that he would like to set up a meeting and appoint a committee to review this.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize the chair to sign the agreement with Great Plains Appraisal for the 2004 tax assessment year. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

County Assessor Jan Pelland stated that she would like to set the schedule for the formal protest hearing with the County Board. The informal hearing with the referees will be held the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> and continue for three weeks from June 21<sup>st</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The formal hearings with the County Board will be held the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on the dates and times. The formal hearings will be held as follows:

July 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Final action for the 2004 tax protests will be July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

UPDATE REGARDING VALUATIONS – County Assessor Jan Pelland stated that according to her statistical reports on all of the classes and they met state standards. At the Ag-Land Valuation Board meeting the rates were acceptable and she was not ordered to make any increases. Yesterday she received a call from her liaison and she will be receiving a show cause notice of hearing on two classes. The residential property is at 95% but TERC is stating that the suburban is to be increased by 5.92%. This includes areas around the city's and villages that are in the 2 mile jurisdictions. She stated that the rural came in at 74.1% which also met the range but, they also stated that the grassland needs to be increased by 36% across the county. She will be preparing a case to argue these increases. The hearing is set for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. The results of the hearing will be given that day. This is only information at this time because she has not received the paperwork. She will prepare a case and attend the hearing.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of the board of equalization meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11:10 a.m. returned to regular session.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk